# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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CASES OF LIQUIDATION
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**Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any time limit has been prescribed for official liquidator to take possession of the assets of the concerned company and settle the claims of different claimants against the company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases pending with each official liquidator at Mumbai High Court and the time by when the oldest case is pending with each of the official liquidator; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken for early disposal of all pending cases of liquidation of companies ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) : The Official Liquidator is required to take possession of the assets forthwith in terms of Court Order.Subject to the directions of the Court, the Official Liquidator shall fix a certain day on or before which the creditors of the Company are to prove their claims. After admitting the claims, the Official Liquidator settles the list ofCreditors and submits the same for approval before the Hon`ble Court in terms of the Companies (Court) Rules, 1959.

(c) : 658 Companies are in liquidation with the Office of Official Liquidator, Mumbai,who is assisted by one Deputy Official Liquidator (Technical) and one Deputy Director (Technical).

(d): The Government appointed a High level Committee on Law relating to Insolvency and Winding up of Companies under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice V. Balakrishna Eradi, (Retd.) Judge Supreme Court to inter-alia studythis aspect. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government. On the basis of the recommendations of the Committee and after taking into consideration the views of the Group of Ministers (GOM), the introduction of the Bill is at an advance Stage.